



WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY

STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

120 Union Avenue, Suite 207

Olympia, WA 98501

MEETING MINUTES

WSL State Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday February 21, 2009 12:00pm

Washington State Capital

Meeting Room A, B, & C – John A. Cherberg Building

416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98504

I. Call to Order – 12:00

II. Roll Call, Introductions, and Welcome

Logan Bahr	CWU
*Morgan Holmgren	WWU
Jake Stillwell	CWU
Mike Bogatay	WSL
*Derrick Peacock	CWU
Pedro Navarrette	CWU
Steve Lindstrom	WSL
*Dave Iseminger	UW
*Sommer Knight	WSU-V
Matt Holmes	EWU
Whitney Jones	EWU
Ashley Elliot	EWU
Marcus Sweetser	BCC
Vanessa Pantley	BCC
*Andrew Helm	WSU
*Brienne Wood	BCC
Josie Jarvis	TESC
Neil Twilla	TESC

* Indicates vote holding member

III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

Stillwell moves to strike "Watch Items" from the agenda. Second. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- Board of Directors, November 7th, 2008
- General Assembly, November 7th, 2008
- Board of Directors, December 6th, 2008
- Board of Directors, January 31st, 2009

Peacock moves to approve the minutes in whole. Second. Motion passed.

V. Reports

a. Officer Reports

President- Central's Lobby Day was successful. Higher ed day was also a success with some local television coverage. HECB student member applications are still being accepted.

Leg Affairs- Attended BCC advocacy day which was a resounding success. Unfortunately the WSL Lobby Day was postponed. At today's meeting a new date and event will be setup.

Finance- Attached is the WSL budget. Due invoices will be sent out soon. Please inform the Exec Board of the best mailing address.

Communications-

b. Staff Reports

Mike Bogatay, Executive Director- Has been in contact with the Arizona Student Association about possible interns for the WSL. Articles of Incorporation have been drafted for the Foundation. The creation of the Foundation will greatly increase our ability to get grants and donations. Community college outreach is continuing and contact with the student association of Minnesota has been invaluable.

Steve Lindstrom, Advisor- There will be a Higher Ed soiree at Steve's to entertain friends and assorted higher ed relationships next week. Tuition policy is the single most important issue and we need to keep our eye on the ball.

VI. Legislative Report

a. WSL Legislative Agenda Items

1025/5778- Textbook bills are going well. The ISBN number must be released four weeks before the classes start. There is a movement to change the time frame to two weeks.

1130/5043- HECB Workgroup. Going well, passed the Senate.

1235/5734- Regarding local tuition setting authority for out of state and graduate and professional.

1466/5776- Regarding student (WSL) fees. It should pass out of the Senate next week.

2021/6044- Renaming student financial aid "Opportunity Passports". Speaker Chopp's bill.

2118- Creates a HECB committee to advise on tuition policy. A student Recess at 1:20 for lunch. Call to order at 1:49.

2219/5952- Regarding hate crimes legislation. McCaslin is the last vote needed for the bill to be moved.

5044- Changing work study provisions.

5078- Authorizing UW to set building fees. Hasn't had movement since it was heard weeks ago.

5174- Providing an incentive for on-time graduation. Basically dead.

5175- Changing the eligibility requirements and increasing the reward. Even though there is no funding for the program.

5237- Requiring institutions to develop three-year baccalaureate degrees. Not feasible because of accreditation requirements.

5710- Authorizing governing boards to set tuition fee rates. Dead.

VII. Action Items

a. HEC Board Application Endorsements

The Board will hold off on endorsing anyone until next month's meeting to allow more time for applications to come in.

VIII. Issue Roundtable & School Reports

a. School Reports

CWU- Ten students went to Lobby Day. Higher Ed Day was also a success and Hogue Tech was at the forefront of the day. A delegation of nine students is going to be sent to USSA Congress in March. Insurance was purchased for the AS and its affiliates.

WWU- Tabling for letter writing and tuition forums have been held on campus.

UW-GPSS- Decided on their formal policy regarding tuition setting authority. The Daily issue is finally over. Check-box signature drive is almost complete.

WSU-V- Cougar Day went well. Elections campaigning are underway with a lot of contention.

UW-T- Working to contact local legislators and participated in Higher Ed Day. The school paper doing well at covering the budget crisis.

TESC- Student government has been involved in the budget cuts and the proposed cuts are a topic of discussion throughout campus. A student committee was created that are going to look at the cuts. The rifle situation has been pushed to the background.

EWU- Lobby day is Monday. Opt-in fee may be implemented. Questions have been raised about whether or not the state freeze applies to S and A fees.

BCC- Advocacy Day went well. Approximately 30 students showed up and visited with legislators. A new legislators affairs director was hired.

WSU-GPSA- Lobby day was successful. The meetings went well and the WSU and WSL agendas were touched upon. The Pharmacy Day had 80 students come to Olympia. Very successful day. President Floyd's stance is that he doesn't want to raise tuition and fees above the cap. Also, student fees applied to branch campuses may be a problem in the future. Student orientation fees are also a contentious issue on the WSU campus.

b. WSL Event

Attached to agenda is a rough outline of what the Board is considering. The event needs to be placed that maximizes its effectiveness. An alternative to one large Olympia rally is to have rallies at each institution simultaneously and invite the media. April 1st may be a good idea in order to tie it in to April Fool's Day. Wednesday, April 1st has emerged as the date for the WSL Lobby Day. Because this is the second day of class for many students simultaneous campus rallies. Messaging and advertisement packets will be sent out.

IX. Presentations and Public Testimony

a. WSL Strategic Plan Update (See PowerPoint)

X. Announcements

a. Future Meetings

i. March 14th, 2009, 12:00 pm Washington State Capital

ii. April 18th, 2009, 12:00 pm TBA

iii. May, 17th, 2009, 12:00 pm General Assembly, Central Washington University

b. March 21-24, 2009 United States Student Association Legislative Conference, Washington D.C. More Information: www.ussaconferences.org

c. Feb. 27th, College Civics Kick-Off Day

XI. Adjournment. Peacock moves to adjourn. Second. Meeting adjourned at 3:38.